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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" The headmaster is the same person that has been lent by them. In the answer it is stated the contribution was for two years. I am now asking if the Government may not continue the contribution in his case as there is no change in the personnel."

The Secondary School-Leaving Certificate Examination.

* 87 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the principles governing the selection of chief and assistant examiners for Secondary School-Leaving Certificate Examination ; and

(*b*) whether the Government have considered the desirability of appointing senior assistants in the high schools as chief superintendents in the examination halls?

A.—(*a*) The main principles which govern the selection of the chief and assistant examiners for the Secondary School-Leaving Certificates public examination are—

(1) that the persons selected are competent to be examiners ;

(2) that in order to ensure continuity of work and invariability of standard, at least the majority of the chief examiners in any year should be retained for the succeeding year ;

(3) that all secondary schools in the Presidency are, so far as is possible, represented on the Board by members of their staff as chief examiners or as assistant examiners ;

(4) in order to give effect to (3) supra, assistant examiners are selected generally from among those who were not appointed previously, and that if any exception is to be made, it is laid down that the persons so selected should not have acted as assistant examiners within the past five years. The appointment is also usually made for only one year at a time ; and

(5) Chief examinerships should not ordinarily be held by the same person for more than three consecutive years.

(*b*) No, as principals or headmasters of high schools are available.

Increments to Deputy Inspectors of Schools.

* 88 *Q.*—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the annual increments due from 1st March 1925 to a number of officers in the cadre of deputy inspector of schools who are holding the posts permanently have been stopped by the Director of Public Instruction by an order issued after the date of the accrual on the ground of these officers not having passed the 2nd Vernacular test ;

(*b*) whether the order has been made to apply not merely to officers in the marginal limit of pay (viz., Rs. 100) contemplated to be provided for by the rules and notifications on the subject, but in addition, also to officers who have long ago crossed the limit ;

(*c*) whether the order has been made further applicable also to officers admitted into the selection grade, some of them being even on the verge of retirement ;